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The Honorable Harris Ellsworth,  
Chairman  
United States Civil Service Commission  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ellsworth:

Thank you for your invitation to the annual awards ceremony on the occasion of the Commission's Diamond Anniversary on 16 January. I had hoped that I would be able to attend this ceremony but find that it is in conflict with a meeting of the National Security Council which I must attend.

Having served the Government in various civilian capacities over a period of many years, I am most conscious of the solid foundation in law upon which our Civil Service is based and of the leadership of the Civil Service Commission in the development of Federal employment practices. I have been particularly impressed with the Commission's role in shaping the high standards of our public service.

Please convey the congratulations and best wishes of all of us in the Central Intelligence Agency to the members of the Commission on the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Civil Service.

Sincerely,

*[Signature]*

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